



Bureau of Land Management Hotshot Superintendents Committee



**NOVEMBER 29th, 2005
BOISE, ID**

MINUTES

ATTENDING: Ruby Mountain IHC, Vale IHC, Snake River IHC, Bonneville IHC, Silver State IHC, Craig IHC, Diamond Mtn. IHC, Jackson IHC, Kurt La Rue, Boise Jumper Rep, Sean Cross

NOT ABLE TO ATTEND: Kern Valley IHC, Midnight Sun IHC, Denali IHC, Chena IHC

Meeting convened on 11/29/05 at 0805 hours

WELCOME: Edward Merrill

- Introductions
- Election of new Chair
- Sign attendee sheet
- Review agenda

ELECTIONS

- New Chair- Nathan Lancaster, Supt. Bonneville IHC
- Co-Chair- Nate Gogna, Supt. Silver State IHC
- Randy Anderson is the BLM IHC rep to the National IHC Steering Committee

SEASON OVERVIEW: Crews provided overview of seasons.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED BY EACH CREW:

- Break down of hours: Training, Project Work, Travel, Administrative Leave, Days off, Rx work, Fire-Controlled and Uncontrolled
- Days available, Standby
- Positions filled, Vacant positions on Organizational Chart
- Number of miles crew vehicles traveled during season
- Number of Ca-1's etc
- Training summary; classes and task books (issued and completed)
- Number of detailed positions during season
- Issues of concern Medical Standards / Personal Credit Scores and hiring

NATIONAL OFFICE UPDATE (Cross – La Rue)

- 310-1 Changes
 - FFT1/ICT5 combined
 - STCR/TFLD combined
- Need Budget Spreadsheet – ASAP
- Medical Standards – New program
 - Trying to create a Cradle to grave take care of you system.
 - Need to stay on top of it.
 - The program is not there to mess with you

SAFTY (Michele Ryerson Grit)

- Increase in PT related injuries
- Increase in Property Damage accidents
- All CA-1's are Electronic thru SMIS
- Boots - FAST team requested NTDC to look at standard.

MEDICAL STANDARDS

- Need feedback – send to State Rep
- Documentation is critical when assisting employees thru problems

Facilities – (O'Connell)

- Came up with standard IHC OPS building
- Hidden Valley will be the prototype
- All A&E work will be done (paid for) for other crew facilities.
- Final floor plan to be completed next week.

QUICKHIRE – Temps (Pogue, Anderson))

- Announcement for seasonal hire open Dec1 - Jan 30
- John Glenn BLM Rep for fire
- Diane Freeze working with HR side of the shop
- Temps limited to 7 locations

WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER FOUNDATION

- Foundation hosted group for lunch and a presentation on the foundation
- Spread the word about the 52 club
- WF Foundation is worth the 52 dollars a year. They are providing assistance to families of fallen firefighters
- <http://www.wffoundation.org/>

BURN MODULES

- Lamar (Jackson) opportunity for 2-3 five person modules in Mississippi or Florida
 - Dates Jan 15 – March 31
 - Lamar working on funding agreement between BLM and FS
 - Each Module need a RXB2 –RXI2 and 3 warm bodies
 - Lamar to send out spread sheet to schedule personnel.
- Nate Gogna is the Point of contact for Western USA burn needs

IFPM

- Wini Sorenson IFPM Lead 208-387-5154 call wini if you have any questions
- HR Lead Jim Knox 208-387-5514
- Standard PD's for IHC Squad Leader should be out.

COMMUNICATION/RADIOS

- Lopez gave a quick informational PowerPoint Presentation on Wideband vs. Narrowband basics radios
- BLM IHC preference on radios, Digital King by far. If buying new radios recommendation is the King DPHX
- The cache is phasing out the King EPH
- Discussion on the 4 IHC crew frequencies, freq. seem to work with little problems
- Everyone call or email Royce Shearing - Let him know if the crew freq. worked and that you appreciate his work for use.
- Royce may have up to 10 freq. available for next fire season.

SAWYER TASKBOOKS

- Discussion on how task books are working. The groups seemed to have no complaints and were able to sign off a few C fallers through the season.
- Supts to call/e-mail NOC Reps and endorse FALC task book system (recommended by LaRue)

EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT-CCV's/Supt/Command Vehicles (Mike Utecht,)

- Equipment shop at NIFC needs feedback on CCV's to help ensure improvements on next generation on CCV's (Delaney-Stiles)
- Need to do Deficiency / Improvement forms annually on CCV's
- Report to Equipment Shop when CCV's hit 60,000 miles so they can order and you can have new CCV's at 80,000 miles
- Discussed and looked at superintendent's vehicle that Shawn Telford (Craig) and the equipment shop are working on.
 - The gas tank in the new standard supt truck can be switched out for a smaller 25 to 30 gal tank - Shawn Telford (Craig) will be the contact for this project
- Utecht working on a heavier duty single rear wheel command vehicle.

SME/Training Op's

- NIFC training unit is pleased with the BLM IHC participation
- The training unit Solicits for SMEs/Field Reviewers between March 1st thru June 15th
- Hotshots currently involved:
 - Nathan Lancaster S-133
 - Randy Anderson S-234
- 4 Task books are being combined
 - FFT1 and ICT5
 - STCR and TFLD
- Leadership folks developing Book on doctrine
- Paul Gleeson Award – need nominations, find on the web in Leadership website / toolbox
- Marine Corp University Staff Ride Cook working on reestablishing the relationship with the University
- <http://www.fireleadership.gov/>

Group voted to write a letter in support of the proposal by Tom Bates (Sawtooth IHC). Tom is proposing to create a new course (S-134 Firing Devices). This would cover the info not covered in S-234.

WEB PAGES

- All updates go through Lamar (Jackson)

Meeting adjourned 1800